

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1) (currently amended) A device for accumulating suspended matter from stormwater confined within a chamber engulfed by granular backfill material, comprising a compartment bounded by sidewall structure elongated upon a vertical axis between upper and lower extremities, said upper extremity being open and having a perimeter disposed in a plane orthogonal to said axis, and retaining means protruding ~~radially outward~~ outwardly from said sidewall structure for receiving downward gravity force from said granular material.
- 2) (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said sidewall structure is downwardly convergent upon said vertical axis.
- 3) (original) The device of claim 3 wherein the degree of convergence of said sidewall structure is such that the cross-sectional area of said lower extremity is 10% to 40% of the cross-sectional area of said upper extremity.
- 4) (original) The device of claim 3 wherein the lower extremity of said compartment is closed.
- 5) (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said sidewall structure has a multitude of apertures which facilitate drainage of water from said compartment.
- 6) (original) The device of claim 5 wherein the total area of said apertures is between 1% and 10% of the total area of said sidewall structure.
- 7) (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said retaining means are disposed in a gravimetrically symmetrical manner with respect to said axis.

- 8) (original) An assembly comprising the device of claim 1 and a stormwater receiving chamber having an open bottom and a top portal, said device being positioned below said open bottom in axial alignment with said portal.